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This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of the claims:

Claim 1: (currently amended) A surgically implantable drug delivery system for long term delivery of steady state concentrations of haloperidol to a patient for 5 months or more comprising a biodegradable polymer and haloperidol fabricated into the surgically implantable drug delivery systems via solvent casting and compression molding wherein said drug delivery system is removable from a patient into which the drug delivery system has been implanted in the event the patient exhibits unwanted side effects following implantation.

Claim 2: (original) The surgically implantable drug delivery system of claim 1 wherein the biodegradable polymer comprises polylactide or a lactide-co-glycolide copolymer.

Claim 3: (original) The surgically implantable drug delivery system of claim 1 comprising 50 to 100% polylactide and 0 to 50% polyglycolide.

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Claim 4: (currently amended) A method of producing a surgically implantable drug delivery system for delivery of steady state concentrations of haloperidol to a patient for five months or more comprising:

- (a) dissolving haloperidol and a biodegradable polymer in ~~an organic solvent~~ acetone;
- (b) solvent casting the haloperidol and biodegradable polymer solution to produce a completely dry haloperidol-polymer material; and
- (c) molding under compression the dry haloperidol-polymer material into a ~~removable~~ surgical implant which is removable following implantation into a patient in the event the patient exhibits unwanted side effects following implantation.

Claim 5: (original) The method of claim 4 wherein the biodegradable polymer comprises polylactide or a lactide-co-glycolide copolymer.

Claim 6: (original) The method of claim 4 wherein the biodegradable polymer comprises 50 to 100% polylactide and 0 to 50% polyglycolide.

Claim 7: (original) A method for treating patients with psychotic conditions and diseases comprising surgically

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implanting into a patient suffering from a psychotic condition or disease the surgically implantable drug delivery system of claim 1.

Claim 8: (original) The method of claim 7 wherein the surgically implantable drug delivery system is implanted under the skin of a patient between the muscle and dermis.

Claim 9: (original) The method of claim 7 wherein the patient is suffering from schizophrenia.

Claim 10: (original) The method of claim 7 further comprising administering to the patient an antipsychotic drug orally.